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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TSPA, UN
SUBJ: STSC - USSR RESUBMITTAL OF RESOLUTION CRITERION
PROPOSAL

1. SOVIET DEL CIRCULATED WORKING PAPER ENTITLED
"QUESTIONS RELATING TO REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH BY SATEL-
LITES" AND INTRODUCED IN WED. AFTERNOON SESSION FEB. 16.

2. TEXT HAS BEEN LDX'D TO DEPT (OES/APT/SA).

3. DELEGATION INTENDS TO DISCUSS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRE-
VIOUS INSTRUCTIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE GUIDED.

4. SOVIET INCLUSION OF "MAN-MADE OBJECTS AND FORMATIONS"
IN DEFINITION OF REMOTE SENSING (PAGE 1 OF WORKING PAPER) IS
POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME. DELEGATION INTENDS NO DISCUSSION
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OF THIS POINT BUT WILL EXERCISE DILIGENCE IN ATTEMPTING TO
EXCLUDE THIS LANGUAGE FROM REPORT. SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE
WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5. SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF WORKING PAPER DEALS WITH MATTERS
OF A LEGAL NATURE AND NOT WITHIN THE AGENDA OR THE TERMS
OF REFERENCE OF STSC. DELEGATION INTENDS TO COMMENT ALONG

THESE LINES AS APPROPRIATE. IN PARTICULAR, REPEATED REFERENCE TO NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER INFORMATION CONCERNING NATURAL RESOURCES SHOULD BE NOTED. THIS QUESTION WAS DISCUSSED AT LAST YEAR'S LEGAL SC MEETING AT WHICH WE SUPPORTED THE POSITION ENUNCIATED BY UK AND OTHERS THAT SUCH CLAIM OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER INFO IS NOT VALID. DELEGATION INTENDS TO REFER TO DISCUSSION IN LEGAL SC AND STATE THAT FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF SUCH LEGAL POINTS IN STSC IS NOT APPROPRIATE.

6. DELEGATION FEELS THAT THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF STATES IN MATTERS RELATED TO THE USE OF REMOTELY SENSED DATA ARE FULLY PROTECTED BY TRADITIONAL GOVERNMENTAL CONTROLS OVER PHYSICAL ACCESS TO TERRITORY AND OVER EXPORTS THEREFROM. WE INTEND, IF APPROPRIATE, TO NOTE THIS POINT AS WAS DONE IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF BOTH SC'S.

7. THROUGHOUT THIS PAPER, THE TERMS "DATA" AND "INFORMATION" HAVE BEEN REVERSED FROM THEIR USUAL MEANINGS. DELEGATION HAS POINTED OUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS USAGE AND THE USAGE PREVIOUSLY AGREED BY BOTH STSC AND LEGAL SC.

8. SEVERAL TECHNICAL POINTS MAY BE MADE AS APPROPRIATE. THE PAPER IMPLICITLY LINKS RESOLUTION AND COVERAGE. THESE PARAMETERS ARE INDEPENDENT AND SHOULD NOT BE TREATED AS DEPENDENT VARIABLY. THE DIFFICULTIES IN DEFINING AND/OR IMPLEMENTING A CRITERION BASED ON RESOLUTION MAY BE DISCUSSED. FINALLY THE RELATIONSHIP REPRESENTS

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SENT BY THE GRAPH ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE WORKING PAPER SEEMS FABRICATED. DELEGATION INTENDS TO QUESTION THE TECHNICAL BASIS OF THIS GRAPH AT AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY AND TO ASK WHAT US STUDIES WERE USED IN ARRIVING AT THIS FORMULATION.

9. IS THERE A US INTEREST OR NEED TO PRESERVE OPTIONS IN THE MATTER OF DISTINGUISHING DATA PERHAPS ON BASIS OF RESOLUTION-RELATED CRITERION? INTEND BY QUESTIONING RATHER THAN REFUTING TO WORK TOWARD DEFERRING TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON QUESTION TO FUTURE STSC MEETINGS AND WOULD PROPOSE THAT INTERESTED DELEGATIONS CONTINUE THEIR TECHNICAL EXAMINATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF QUESTIONS RELATED TO RESOLUTION AND OTHER PARAMETERS AND RESUME DISCUSSIONS NEXT YEAR.

10. BECAUSE THESE MATTERS ARE BEING DISCUSSED WIDELY, DELEGATION WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE REQUIRED PROMPTLY.

11. IN DEBATE INDIANS HAVE TALKED OF NEED FOR CUT-OFF
AT SOME LEVEL OF DETAIL AS A MATTER OF RIGHT OF PRIVACY,
"YOU WOULD NOT WANT YOUR WIFE, SUNBATHING ON THE ROOF
TO BE SEEN BY THE WORLD*"

12. FRANCE, NEARLY CONSISTENT WITH SOVIET APPROACH,
PROPOSES A CUT-OFF AT 10 METER RESOLUTION FOR DISSEMINATION
OF INFORMATION DRAWN FROM DATA BUT OPEN DATA DISSEMINA-
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